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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: CRITERIA FOR  
COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER AUGUST 8 FROM S&T JOINT  
COMMITTEE SECRETARY BENAVIDES GIVING THE COMMENTS OF THE  
SPANISH SIDE ON THE CRITERIA WHICH EMBASSY SENT TO HIM  
JUNE 16, TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM REFTEL. BENAVIDES' LETTER,  
IN EMBASSY TRANSLATION, READS--QUOTE:  
AS YOU KNOW, THE SPANISH SECTION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE  
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AT ITS LAST  
MEETING UNDERTOOK AN EXAMINATION OF THE PROGRAM SELECTION  
CRITERIA WHICH MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE FUTURE.  
(PAR) THE TEXT USED FOR THIS STUDY WAS THE ONE DRAFTED  
AS A CONSEQUENCE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON THIS  
MATTER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTION RECEIVED FROM  
THE JOINT COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING OF 16 MAY. AS A  
RESULT OF THIS STUDY, MINOR MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE  
IN THE ENGLISH TEXT WHICH YOU TRANSMITTED AND THESE  
ARE AS FOLLOWS: (1) POINTS A, B, D, E, AND G OF THE  
JUNE 16 TEXT ARE ACCEPTABLE. (2) IN POINT C, THE WORDS 'INITIATED  
UNDER THE 1970 AGREEMENT' SHOULD BE DELETED. (3) IN  
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POINT H, AFTER THE WORDS 'LESS THAN \$100,000', THE  
WORDS 'FOR THEIR FULL COMPLETION' SHOULD BE ADDED.  
(4) A NEW POINT H SHOULD BE ADDED, THE FORMER H  
BECOMING POINT I. THIS SHOULD READ 'BASIC RESEARCH  
WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FAVORABLY MUST BE OF SUCH  
A NATURE THAT IT IS DIRECTLY ORIENTED TO THE FIELDS  
OF ACTIVITY INDICATED IN POINT A'. (PAR) I WOULD

APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING ME OF THE CONCURRENCE OR  
COMMENTS OF THE U.S. SIDE ON OUR PROPOSAL... END  
QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THE OPINION OF THE U.S. SIDE THAT THESE  
CRITERIA SHOULD BE APPLIED TO THE PROPOSALS NOW IN  
HAND IS CLEARLY NOT SHARED BY THE SPANISH SIDE. IF  
THEY WERE APPLIED, AS MANY AS 24 OF THE 42 COOPERATIVE  
RESEARCH PROPOSALS WOULD BE REJECTED ON POINT D  
ALONE. (B) THE DELETION IN POINT C SEEMS USEFUL BUT  
IF WE ACCEPT IT ONLY FOR FUTURE YEARS IT DOES NOT  
HELP US NOW TO REVIVE CERTAIN PROPOSALS WHICH WE  
FAVOR BUT WHICH DID NOT APPEAR IN THE FINAL SPANISH  
SELECTION. (C) NEW POINT H IS A USEFUL ADDITION.  
ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT APPEAR TO WEAKEN POINT F, IT DOES  
LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR U.S. COOPERATION WITH STRONG  
SPANISH CENTERS DOING BASIC RESEARCH DIRECTLY  
RELATED TO FUTURE SPANISH TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES,  
E.G. SOLID STATE PHYSICS. (D) THE ADDITIONAL PHRASE  
IN FORMER POINT H, NOW POINT I, NEARLY DESTROYS THE  
ORIGINAL INTENT WHICH WAS TO ELIMINATE THE TRIVIA,  
AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN THAT ACCOMPANIES THEM,  
IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE OUR LIMITED RESOURCES ON A  
FEW MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL LARGE PROJECTS OR COHERENT  
GROUPS OF PROJECTS. WE KNOW FROM THE PROPOSALS AT  
HAND THAT DESPITE ALL THE PRESENTATIONS AND  
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DISCUSSIONS ON THE IDEA OF A HIGHLY FOCUSED AND  
TIGHTLY PLANNED OVERALL PROGRAM, THE SPANISH SIDE  
HAS CHOSEN AT LEAST IN THIS FIRST ROUND TO TRY TO  
SATISFY AS MANY OF ITS CLAMOROUS CLIENTS AS POSSIBLE.  
POINT C COULD BE USED IN FUTURE YEARS TO PERPETUATE  
THE PRESENT UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION, ALTHOUGH THE  
INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD 'SUCCESSFUL' COULD PROVIDE  
US SOME LEEWAY. END COMMENT.

3. IF DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION EMBASSY WILL  
DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY THE ISSUES NOTED IN  
PAR. 2, AND ALERT THEM TO A COMING COUNTERPROPOSAL  
BASED ON OUR IMMEDIATE APPLICATION TO THE SPANISH  
PROPOSAL PACKAGE OF THOSE CRITERIA WHICH BOTH SIDES  
ACCEPT. STABLER

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